

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INVESTMENT IN ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DEPARTMENT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have enhanced the allocation for the Animal Husbandry Department from Rs. 1677.88 crore to Rs. 2345.64 crore during the Ninth Five Year Plan under special action plan;
- (b) if so, whether due to poor performance the budgetary provision for the Department was brought down to Rs. 1682.95 crore;
- (c) if so, the reasons for non-performance and not utilizing the amount;
- (d) whether the Government have overhauled and restricted their plan for the schemes to the benefit of Animal Husbandry and Dairying during the Tenth Five Year Plan; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV):

- (a) to (c) The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying was initially earmarked a Plan allocation of Rs. 1677.88 crores for implementing various Plan Schemes during the Ninth Plan which was later enhanced to Rs. 2345.64 crores in pursuance of government strategy for doubling of food production. The actual cumulative budgetary allocation for the entire Ninth Plan however, had been Rs. 1682.95 crores. The Annual Budgetary allocations are decided by the Planning Commission on the basis of proposals forwarded by the Department, overall economic scenario, financial resources, past performance etc.
- (d) and (e) The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying in preparation of Tenth Plan proposals, carried out a Zero Based budgeting exercise to streamline the Plan schemes through weeding out/merger of schemes. As a result of this, the number of Plan Schemes have been reduced to 17 for the Tenth Plan which also include three new Schemes with a total Plan outlay of Rs. 2500 crores.